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VILLA BANDITS REORGANIZING

TWO OF VILLA'S SCATTERED BANDS REPORTED REORGANIZING IN CHIHUAHUA.

PEONS ARE JOINING

They Are Promised Loot, and Many Are Joining Bands, Which Are Coming North — Pershing Keeps in Touch With Movements.

Columbus, N. M., May 24.—The reorganization of at least two of Villa's scattered bands is unofficially reported here.

They are said to have been recruited in southern Chihuahua and are coming northward. The peons joining have been promised loot.

General Pershing is said to be keeping in touch with the bandits' movements, although his cavalrymen are not going south from the advance base.

Railroad Strike in Mexico.

Manzanillo, Mexico, May 24.—The National Railway employees' strike has caused a suspension of the service here and at Mexico City. There have been no trains run this week.

New Note Next Week.

Washington, May 24.—The new Carranza note will be sent to Washington by special messenger, Consul Rogers at Mexico City has advised the state department. No forecast of its contents is given. The note is expected here next week.

SLICK THIEF WORKS POLICE TO A FINISH

MAKES A GET-AWAY FROM THE STREET GANG, BURGLARIZES THE POLICE STATION AND FINALLY LANDS IN JAIL.

Chief of Police Bob Hutchins had one "slipped to him" a few days ago and was only able to play even yesterday when officer Simms re-captured the one who violated his confidence and turned him over to the county officials who will investigate a charge of grand larceny.

A few days ago the police arrested a man with a lot of brass and junk in his possession. He was unable to give a very satisfactory account of himself, so was locked up, and the junk deposited in the store room at the station. He was fined pretty heavily and given a sentence on the streets, but he was so worthless and no account that the officials encouraged him to make a get away.

He took advantage of their generosity, but instead of hitting the pike out of town, returned to the station, stole the junk that he had in storage there, sold it and with the money purchased transportation to Berwyn. Temptation seemed to lurk in his path and he is now in the county jail charged with stealing a couple of large belts from one of the cotton gins in that place.

Bob Hutchins says that he is glad to be rid of this individual, but is offering perfectly good money to find out how he got back into the station and stole the stuff that went to purchase a ticket to the little city of Berwyn where he got in real bad. Uncle Tony, the day sergeant, is a light sleeper and he, too, is wondering how he got by with it, but he did, and in all probability will be the guest of the county until he is turned over to the state.

A want ad will sell that property you no longer need at small cost.

TEXANS REFUSE ENLISTMENT

ANOTHER REFUSAL BY TEXAS MEMBERS WILL MEAN ARMY COURT MARTIAL.

ADMITS SIGNATURE

With Signing of Army Reorganization Bill, Members Are Automatically Mustered Into Federal Service — Alvarez to Marathon.

Marathon, Tex., May 24.—One hundred and thirty members of the Texas National Guard, who are refusing to enlist for border duty, will be given another opportunity to enlist.

The army reorganization bill, now awaiting the president's signature, would automatically muster them into the federal service.

Another refusal by the Texans means court martial.

Alvarez Back to Marathon.

Marathon, Tex., May 24.—Lieutenant Colonel Alvarez, leader of the Glenn Springs and Boquilla raid, escorted by a detachment of the eighth cavalry, was brought here and turned over to the local officials. He will be taken to Alpine for trial.

FEDERAL BUILDING PLEASURES HIM

Warden Dick Says Ardmore Postoffice Is Delight to the Eye.

Warden Dick of the state prison was here today from McAlester and left on the afternoon train for Oklahoma City, where he goes on business. Mr. Dick looked over the federal building under construction at the corner of Broadway and North Washington and was greatly pleased with the structure. He said it was as far above the building at McAlester as the moon was above the earth. It is a larger structure, it is higher and much better in appearance. He says the Ardmore building—especially the brick portion of the structure—will look just as good a century from now as it looks today. He is of the opinion that Ardmore has been very fortunate in getting such a federal building.

BAILEY FORCES ARE IN CONTROL AT SAN ANTONIO

IN PRELIMINARY SKIRMISH THE BAILEY-FERGUSON FORCES SECURE NAMING OF WEAR FOR CHAIRMAN.

San Antonio, Tex., May 24.—The Bailey-Ferguson forces won the preliminary skirmish at the state democratic convention today when the committee report recommending Judge W. C. Wear for permanent chairman was adopted by a vote of 428 to 206.

NEW YORK BECOMES WORLD'S GREATEST PORT

Washington, May 24.—War trade has made New York within the last year the world's busiest port. The American city has exceeded by \$200,000,000 London's annual import and export business.

New York's 1915 export figures prepared at the department of commerce today, shows a total of \$1,194,000,000, and imports of \$931,000,000. London's imports were large, at \$1,232,000,000, but her exports amounted to only \$696,000,000.

Lightning Kills Livestock.

Gainesville, Tex., May 23.—During an electrical storm last night lightning killed three head of fine farm horses and four head of cattle at one flash, the property of John Stelzer, farmer, residing two miles south of this city.

SENATOR OWEN IS FAVORED BY THE PRESIDENT

NOT IMPROBABLE THAT OKLAHOMAN WILL BE NOMINEE FOR VICE PRESIDENT AT ST. LOUIS CONVENTION.

Men who are conservative and who are watching closely the trend of political events, are of the opinion that U. S. Senator Robert L. Owen will be nominated at St. Louis as the running mate of Woodrow Wilson. And it is said that the senator from Oklahoma will accept that nomination if it is offered him. Vice presidents are not nominated and while Marshall has been faithful as an executive, it is not probable that he will be before the convention. Those who are in a position to know, state that Woodrow Wilson will indicate his choice to the convention and that choice will be Senator Owen. He has been the leader in the senate, he has carried the burden of the administration in that body and he has done his part well. In all emergencies the president has learned to lean upon his strong arm more than upon any other man in the senate. The senator would not resign from the United States senate in case of his nomination until after his election and that would place the appointment of his successor in the hands of Governor Williams. That would bring on another chapter in Oklahoma politics that would be interesting.

GERMANS EXECUTE MURDERERS

Headman With Broadax Puts End to Woman Who Killed Three.

Berlin, May 20.—Henrietta Holstein, a farmer's wife, was executed today for the triple murder of her husband, daughter and stepson by arsenic. The execution was performed in the traditional manner—by a headman with a broadax.

WESTERN PART OF STATE FACES CROP FAILURE

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE WHO WAS IN THE CITY SAYS THIS SECTION IS INDEED FORTUNATE.

R. D. McManus who is with the state board of agriculture, has recently made a trip through the northwestern portion of the state. He says that in Blaine, Beckham, Roger Mills, Ellis, Majors, Alfalfa, Woods and Woodward counties the oat crop is cut at least one half, and that very little wheat will be raised. Lack of rain hindered the growth of the plants and the green bugs attacked the oats and destroyed what remained of the crop, and the green bugs seriously injured the wheat crop. In Kingfisher, Garfield, Grant, Noble, Logan and Kay the crop has been injured to some extent both by lack of rain and the green bugs. In southwestern Oklahoma the crops are doing much better. A rain visited a portion of Beaver and a portion of Harper counties which saved the grain crops in the area visited by the rain.

Coming Here for Grass.

Lack of rain at Toyah, Tex., has made the grass scarce this spring, and a car of stock horses from Tucker Bros' ranch arrived here last night, and is being transferred to the Ringling road for shipment to Ringling, where a pasture has been leased. Roger Tucker, who formerly resided here, and who is a brother of Senator Fred E. Tucker accompanied the car.

Rent that room with a want ad.

BIG DAMAGE SUIT COMES TO NAUGHT

JURY AFTER TWO MINUTES' DELIBERATION FAIL TO FIND THE PLAINTIFFS HAVE JUST CAUSE TO COLLECT DAMAGES.

The jury in the case of John Davis, et al., vs. Hickman Willis was out of the room about two minutes yesterday when they returned with a verdict in favor of the defendant who was contesting a \$50,000 damage suit instituted by the plaintiffs through their attorneys Sigler and Howard. The defendant, Hickman Willis is a prisoner at the state penitentiary where he was sent to serve a 25 year sentence for killing Rena Davis, August 14, 1914. The plaintiffs endeavored to show that Rena Davis, their mother was their sole support while the defense was able to establish to the satisfaction of the jury that such was not the case, but on the other hand she was practically dependent herself. Hickman Willis took his allotment of land from the government near Healdton in this county and it afterward developed that it was some of the richest off producing land in the field. It is estimated that Willis has a daily income of approximately \$150 from his royalties, which is being taken care of by the government pending his release from the penitentiary.

Willis was brought here from McAlester to testify in the case, and while confined in the county jail he had his meals sent from the hotel. It is reported that he is a model prisoner and will get a lot of "good time" off of his sentence. Willis, in a drunken frenzy killed the Davis woman near Provenca on the date above named. When sober, he was considered docile, but when drinking was irresponsible. When released, he will be one of the wealthiest men in the county. H. H. Brown and J. B. Moore represented Willis in the case.

ANOTHER BOND ISSUE IN CONTEMPLATION

SEWERS AND WATER MAINS MUST BE EXTENDED TO MEET THE RAPID GROWTH OF THE CITY, SAYS LASHER.

"The time has arrived when the citizen of this city might as well begin to consider another bond issue for the purpose of extending the sewer and water mains" said Commissioner Lasher this morning, when the question of supplying many requests for this service was under discussion. Mr. Lasher states that the city has grown so rapidly that the sewers and water mains have not kept pace with it, and every day property owners who have erected residences outside the sewer and water district are demanding that they be given the service.

People are a trifle skittish of any mention of a bond issue in the city at the present time, but according to Commissioner Lasher it is a condition that has to be met one way or the other, and bonds are the only solution. A trip over the outskirts of the city will verify Mr. Lasher's statement that the city is growing rapidly and apparently it is but the matter of a very short time before these conditions will have to be met or the growth will stop because people are not apt to invest their money in houses that they are unable to connect with the sewers and water mains. Perhaps this question will be submitted to the people in a few weeks, at any rate it will have to be before very long if Ardmore expects to expand according to the commissioner.

GERMANS MAKE VERDUN GAINS

CONTINUING DESPERATE DRIVE AT FORT DOUAMONT, THEY CAPTURE PART OF TRENCH.

DENIED BY FRENCH

Paris Says French Are Still in Possession of Fort — Berlin Claims to Have Gained Possession of Village of Cumieres.

The Germans, continuing their desperate drive at Fort Douaumont, have succeeded in capturing a part of a trench east of the fort.

The French claim to be still in possession of most of the fort.

West of the Meuse, the Germans made their way into a portion of the village of Cumieres, east of Deadman's Hill.

Berlin claims the capture of the entire village of Cumieres, taking over three hundred prisoners, including eight officers.

Munition Depot Exploded.

Paris, May 24.—Italian shells have blown up the largest munitions depot at Roverto and the town is in flames, according to a Rome dispatch. Several heavy guns were destroyed by the explosion.

Want Verdun Information.

Paris, May 24.—A motion demanding a secret session of the chamber of deputies at which the government shall give explanations regarding the first phase of the Verdun operations, is being circulated among the legislature. It is not expected that the motion will be moved until Premier Briand again appears before the army committee.

Russian Bark Submerged.

Barcelona, May 24.—The Russian bark Regina was sunk by a submarine. The captain and the crew have arrived here. The captain says he saw two lifeboats containing the crews of two Italian vessels, and that both were sunk by the same submarine.

ASK ABOUT SAFETY OF AMERICANS

SENATE WANTS INFORMATION REGARDING SAFETY OF AMERICANS IN IRELAND WHERE MARTIAL LAW WAS DECLARED.

Washington, May 24.—The senate foreign relations committee has recommended a favorable report on the resolutions directing Secretary Lansing to inquire regarding the safety of Americans in Ireland districts where martial law has been proclaimed.

MacNeill Found Guilty.

Dublin, May 24.—John MacNeill, president of the Sinn Fein Volunteers was found guilty by court martial of complicity in the rebellion. His sentence will be promulgated in a few days.

Ardmoreite Want Ads will sell that article you have for sale.

WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., May 24.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is fair with continued high temperature; Thursday unsettled, with continued high temperature.

VON BUELOW WILL COME TO AMERICA

FORMER GERMAN CHANCELLOR REPORTED ALREADY EN ROUTE TO AMERICA.

IS FROM THE KAISER

Prince Alexander of Serbia Says He Has Assurances From All Entente Allies That No Settlement Will Be Accepted Without Restoration.

London, May 24.—Prince von Buelow, former German chancellor, is en route to Washington, charged by Emperor William with a special mission, according to the Exchange Telegraph company.

For Restoration of Serbia.

Athens, May 24.—Prince Alexander of Serbia in an interview with the Associated Press, said he had received assurance from all of the allies that no settlement of the war will be accepted which did not provide for the restoration of Serbia.

For Relief of the Poles.

Washington, May 24.—Senator Hitchcock's resolution requesting Secretary Lansing to inform the senate regarding the attitude of the British government concerning the shipment of supplies to the people of Poland, was recommended for passage by the foreign relations committee today.

LAND SUITS OFF DOCKETS FED. COURT

DISTRICT ATTORNEY LINEBAUGH HAS DONE GREAT SERVICE TO INDIAN TERRITORY—ANOTHER COURT NEEDED.

Hon. D. H. Linebaugh, United States district attorney for the eastern district of Oklahoma, is here on some matters connected with his office. Mr. Linebaugh has been a very busy man since he became a federal official, and at this time his office force is short on account of three of his men being in St. Paul, where important cases are being tried in the appellate court.

Mr. Linebaugh has done the Indian Territory portion of the state a good service in clearing the dockets of many of the land suits which have burdened the dockets and clouded the titles to many acres of land. In less than two years he has disposed of 16,000 of these suits and the 7,000 cases still pending he hopes to have off the docket by the first of the year. He has rendered this portion of the state so great a service that he is being talked for governor in the next election. He has been faithful with what has been entrusted into his hands, and it is not at all improbable that the people of the state whom he is serving will give him greater things to rule over.

Mr. Linebaugh states that the eastern district is swamped with work. Despite the strenuous work of Judge Campbell his court is two years behind with its work. He is of the opinion that the southern district of Oklahoma should be created, and that it should comprise the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations.

In this connection Congressman Bill Murray of the fourth district has a bill now pending which has for its object the creation of a new federal district in the state, and Mr. Linebaugh believes this bill should be combined with the bill providing for the establishing of the tenth circuit court of appeals, comprising Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee and the northern districts of Alabama and Mississippi, and naming Oklahoma City, Little Rock and Memphis as court towns.